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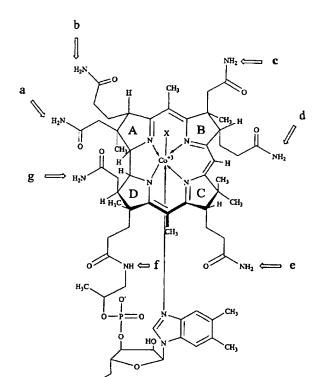
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(54) Title: TRANSCOBALAMIN BINDING CONJUGATES USEFUL FOR TREATING ABNORMAL CELLULAR PROLIFERATION



(57) Abstract: An agent, composition and method for the treatment, prophylaxis and/or diagnosis of proliferative disorders, which is highly and efficiently absorbed at the site of abnormal cellular proliferation is disclosed.

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:
1. X Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 16-20, 23, 35-39, 42 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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1. Claims: 1-42 partially

Vitamin B12-conjugates of formula 1 as defined in claim 1 wherein Y is not as it is found in natural vitamin B12; pharmaceutical compositions containing them; uses thereof.

2. Claims: 1-42 partially

Vitamin B12-conjugates of formula 1 as defined in claim 1 wherein R is not as it is found in natural vitamin B12; pharmaceutical compositions containing them; uses thereof.

3. Claims: 1-42 partially

Vitamin B12-conjugates of formula 1 as defined in claim 1 wherein G is not as it is found in natural vitamin B12; pharmaceutical compositions containing them; uses thereof.

4. Claims: 1-42 partially

Vitamin B12-conjugates of formula 1 as defined in claim 1 wherein E is not as it is found in natural vitamin B12; pharmaceutical compositions containing them; uses thereof.

5. Claims: 1-42 partially

Vitamin B12-conjugates of formula 1 as defined in claim 1 wherein K is not as it is found in natural vitamin B12; pharmaceutical compositions containing them; uses thereof.

6. Claims: 1-42 partially

Vitamin B12-conjugates of formula 1 as defined in claim 1 wherein M is not as it is found in natural vitamin B12; pharmaceutical compositions containing them; uses thereof.

7. Claims: 1-42 partially

Vitamin B12-conjugates of formula 1 as defined in claim 1 wherein V is not as it is found in natural vitamin B12; pharmaceutical compositions containing them; uses thereof.

8. Claims: 12-42 partially

Vitamin B12-conjugates wherein Y, R, G, E, K, M and V are as

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210 they are found in natural Vitamin B12, i.e. compounds of formula 1 as defined in claim 12; pharmaceutical compositions containing them; pharmaceutical compositions containing compounds of formula 1 as defined in claim 24; uses thereof.

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